

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Doll, Trustees Maline, McMullen and Tobin, Village Clerk Donna Koch, Village Administrator Gene Guido, Village Attorney James Matthews, Chief Bruckenthal.

Absent: Trustee Kehoe

ANNOUNCEMENTS: no announcements.

PRESENTATIONS: no presentations

PUBLIC HEARINGS: no public hearings

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several residents were in the audience to discuss the closing of the Post Office. Trustee Tobin explained that a well attended public meeting was held September 12 and that Senator Carl Marcelino, Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Asharoken Mayor Greg Letica, Deputy Mayor Mary Pierce and from the Town of Huntington Councilmen Mark Cuthbertson. In following up on that meeting we have had conversations and have corresponded with our elected representatives. Senator Schumer and Gillabrand have released a statement and letter that they have written to the Post Office. Congressman Israel is setting up a meeting between Village Officials and senior officials of the Post Office to discuss the situation. Trustee Tobin relayed THIS IS NOT A DONE DEAL. Trustee Tobin stated we need to get letters supporting the Post Office to our higher elected officers and that Steve Israel will be setting up a meeting between the Northport Board of Trustees and representatives from the Post Office. Mayor Doll stated they are going to ask different community organizations for letters of support. Trustee Tobin added that the Town of Huntington passed a resolution pointing out that the postal operations have to remain at that location and that the Post Office cannot sell the building. If the Post Office was to rent space it will make it easier to move or sublease before their lease is up.

Arlene Handel stated that she had heard the postal workers were too relocated on September 21st and if that was the case, "time is of the essence". Trustee Tobin stated if the carriers leave it will add inertia to the rest of the plant and will undercut any ability to work creatively with the Post Office. Ms. Handel asked if the Village could get an injunction or court action to stop the actions until further fact finding could be done.

Sherry Pavone questioned if Mr. Mathews could look into the issue of the Post Office renting other retail space on Main Street and the parking problems that it would create. Anyone who has stood on the line at 4:45 on a Friday afternoon can attest to the fact this is not an underutilized Post Office. Trustee McMullen explained that they could

move anywhere in the 11768 zip code. Trustee McMullen, also stated that Congressman Ackerman was very instrumental in keeping this Post Office open many years ago.

Bill Thomas asked if the zip code would be changed. Trustee McMullen replied no.

Karen Lemke handed in a petition signed by 152 residents and also Senator Schumer and Congressman Israel. Ms. Lemke stated in this community you don't even need a car everything is available within walking distance and the Post Office is one of those benefits.

Seven year old Roland Lemke, stated to the Board that he had just mailed his first letter. Mayor Doll asked him to come up to the desk and write his name and address.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 87,202.82

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 7,833.81

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$ 4,921.54

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 fire Department bills in the amount of \$ 13,313.20

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Trustee Maline reported that they have been interviewing potential candidates for the Police Officer position the Village has available. Trustee McMullen reported that he and parks head Will Forster took a ride out east to look at trees.

Trustee Tobin reported the budgeting process is moving along.

Mayor Doll reported the Highway Department has been busy with set up and clean up with Cow Harbor day and the Wounded Warrior Race. Tree work continues to be done. A large tree fell this past Saturday blocking Main Street for several hours until the utility companies could get in a clear the lines. They highway Department then cleared the tree.

ADIMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Guido reported that the Waste water Treatment Plant Phase II upgrade specs have been submitted to the DEC and the EFC and will be going out to bid early October.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Bruckenthal reported the department has been busy with the Wounded Warrior weekend and Cow Harbor weekend. The Chief wanted to thank the highway department for all their hard work and help.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business

OLD BUSINESS: no old business

CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence

REQUESTS: no requests.

RESOLUTIONS:

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012- 111 ~ APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the August 14, 2012, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Tobin with Trustee Maline abstaining the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012- 112 ~ APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 21, 2012 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the August 21, 2012, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Maline the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 – 113 ~ ENGINEERING SERVICES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: As per letter dated December 16, 2011 Gannett Fleming is requesting additional budget authorizations for the Shoreline Sewer and Beach Ave Pump Station Replacement Project as follows: Fifth Avenue Diversion \$3,000., Permitting \$4,000., and the Peninsula Alternatives Analysis \$3,000.

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Maline the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 114: ESTABLISHING TIMETABLES FOR PAYMENT OF 2012 SEWER RENTS AND FILING REQUESTS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATE

WHEREAS, VILLAGE CODE SECTION 239-32 EMPOWERS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR REQUESTS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RENT RATES, AND

WHEREAS, THE 2012 SEWER RENT BILLS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 1, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. SEWER RENTS SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2012 UNLESS A REQUEST FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE RATE OF THE SEWER RENT IS FILED WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2012, IN WHICH CASE, THE SEWER RENT SHALL BE DUE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF DECISION OF THE REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT.
2. SEWER RENT ADJUSTMENTS FROM PRIOR YEARS DO NOT CARRY OVER; A NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE VILLAGE CLERK IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WITH THE SEWER RENT BILLS THAT ARE ISSUED OCTOBER 1, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 115: EXPRESSING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE'S PLAN TO SELL THE HISTORIC POST OFFICE BUILDING AND PROERTY COMPOSED OF SUFFOLK COUNTY TAX MAP LOTS 4040-10.00-03.00-002.000 AND 0404-010.00-03.00-003.000 AND URGING THE VILLAGE'S REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS, THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTIONTO PREVENT THE SALE AND RELOCATION OF THE NORTHPORT POST OFFICE

WHEREAS, THE HISTORIC NORTHPORT POST OFFICE, 244 MAIN STREET, NORTHPORT, NEW YORK WAS DESIGNED BY THE RENOWNED LOUIS A. SIMON AND PUT ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 1989; AND

WHEREAS, THE NORTHPORT POST OFFICES PROVIDES VITAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN NORTHPORT VILLAGE AND THE GREATER NORTHPORT COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE NORTHPORT POST OFFICE IS A TREASURED ASSET TO THE VILLAGE AND IS SYMBOLIC OF WHAT BINDS US TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT, NEW YORK

HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO SELL THE HISTORIC NORTHPORT POST OFFICE BUILDING AT 244 MAIN STREET, NORTHPORT, NEW YORK; AND

HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS OPPOSITION TO THE RELOCATION OF ANY OPERATION CURRENTLY CONDUCTED AT THE NORTHPORT POST OFFICE; AND

HEREBY URGES THE VILLAGE'S REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS, THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE TOWN BOARD TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT THE SALE AND RELOCATION OF THE HISTORIC NORTHPORT POST OFFICE AND ITS FUNCTIONS; AND

HEREBY DIRECTS THE VILLAGE CLERK TO FORWARD CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, UNITED STATES SENATOR CHARLES E. SCHUMER, UNITED STATES SENATOR KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL, STATE SENATOR CARL L. MARCELLINO, STATE SENATOR JOHN J. FLANAGAN, STATE ASSEMBLYMAN ANDREW P. RAIA, COUNTY LEGISLATOR DR. WILLIAM SPENCER, HUNTINGTON SUPERVISOR FRANK P. PETRONE AND MARK CUTHBERTSON, SUSAN A. BERLAND, MARK MAYOKA AND EUGENE COOK, THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, ASHAROKEN MAYOR GREGORY D. LETICA AND ASHAROKEN DEPUTY MARY P. PIERCE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, THE HON. THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-116 ~ AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF MORRIS DUFFY ALONSO & FALEY, TWO RECTOR STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10006 FOR LITIGATION SERVICES ON MATTERS DESIGNATED BY THE MAYOR AT THE RATE OF \$175 PER HOUR

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 – 117: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON AND NORTHPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 694 TO APPROVE THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO RENOVATE THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL AT 7 WOODSIDE AVENUE, NORTHPORT, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, NORTHPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 694 OWNS IMPROVED PROPERTY AT 7 WOODSIDE AVENUE, NORTHPORT, NEW YORK AND DESIRES

TO MAKE RENOVATIONS TO THE BUILDING; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON AND THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF HUD GRANTS AND DESIRE TO UTILIZE SAID GRANTS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE NORTHPORT AMERICAN LEGION HALL,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 694 WHEREBY SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS EVEN (\$779,200.00) GRANTED TO THE TOWN AND SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS EVEN (\$72,168.00) ARE APPROVED FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE NORTHPORT AMERICAN LEGION HALL, SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM FUNDING CONTRIBUTION BY THE AMERICAN LEGION IN THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EVEN (\$237,500.00), TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER TERMS AS ARE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on October 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: if necessary, for personnel and/or litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk